

Remarks

Claims 1-23 and 31-33 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Claim 33 has been added. Support for this claim can be found throughout the specification, and in particular on pages 4 and 18, and in the original claims. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present amendment.

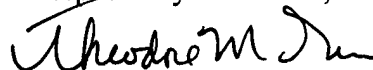
Conclusion:

The foregoing is a complete response to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-23, and 31-33 are patentable. Early and favorable consideration is solicited.

A check in the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee for the Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fee for a three-month extension of time. No other fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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